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Dear EPA Chief Administrator McCarthy:

Thank you for carefully considering all of the issues involved in the approval process for the [Rosemont Copper Mine](#) that is based in Tucson, Arizona.

As a full-time Pima County resident since 2004, **I wholeheartedly support Rosemont's approach to mine management.** Rosemont has set forth a low-impact and environmentally-friendly approach to copper mining – an approach that is unique in the world.

As a part of my personal fact-finding activities I have visited the proposed mine site several times, read some of the 450 Expert Reports, and attended many of the public meetings, in order to thoughtfully understand the arguments both for and against opening the Rosemont. I have reached the conclusion that Pima County is very fortunate to have an ethically-based mining group who wishes to extract ore here.

We all know that there are places in the world where mines function in far less environmentally friendly manners. Copper is an essential commodity. If it is not extracted from the Santa Rita Mountains where the Rosemont is to be located, under the eyes of a wide range of federal, state, and local agencies and watch-dog groups, it will be extracted elsewhere, often in a developing country where – in most cases the mining will be done without such careful environmental oversight.

Through my fact-finding process I have moved from *ignorant opposition* to any new copper mine to *wholehearted support* of the Rosemont Mine. This is because the Rosemont Mine Managers have proffered an environmentally-sound proposal; the [US Forest Service](#) has diligently held public meetings to hear all sides; and, I have found that there is a great deal of area support – albeit much of it silent support – for opening the Rosemont. I write this letter in order to speak for those silent supporters as well as for myself. **We greatly outnumber the very vocal opposition.**

I acknowledge and respect the views of Rosemont's opponents. As with most public policy issues, these opponents exhibit a great deal of emotion. Yet, emotion should not drive public policy. One must logically weigh all issues. That is where the [US Environmental Protection Agency](#) comes in. You know Rosemont's environmentally-sound mining plan. It has addressed all of the issues that the opponents' have raised. Now is the time for emotions to give way to logically-based decisions that support the **IMMEDIATE** opening the Rosemont Mine.

As a retired [Cornell University](#) Faculty Member and (out of retirement) as a [Pima County Community College](#) Adjunct Faculty Member, I teach ***Ethics In The Workplace***. My Class Members are taught to base their decisions on fact, not merely upon emotion or upon one's predispositions.

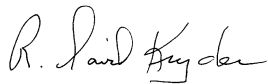
Therefore, now is the time to support the Rosemont Copper Mine because:

- the world needs copper – for everything from Prius cars to solar EV collectors to the everyday industrial uses of this valuable ore.
- the Santa Rita Mountains in southern Arizona have significant copper ore deposits.
- southern Arizona needs jobs.
- Pima County and other local governments and school districts need an increased tax base.
- all of us – as world citizens – desire well-regulated mining operations as opposed to those unregulated ones that might seriously abuse our world – on whichever continent.
- Rosemont's 21st Century mining approaches offer the best of all options – extracted ore, new jobs, an increased tax base – all with assurances of proper environmental regulation and safety.

As a resident of Southern Arizona and as a US Citizen who has lived and worked on all six inhabited continents, I respectfully ask you to help our region renew itself through your full support of the Rosemont Mine project.

Naturally, if you have questions or comments about this letter, do not hesitate in contacting me at the coordinates shown above.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R. David Kryder".

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